ARCH COAL INC Form 4 July 07, 2006

## FORM 4

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**SECURITIES** 

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10% Owner

See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*BURKE FRANK M

(First)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Director

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

06/30/2006

\_\_\_\_Officer (give title \_\_\_\_Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or any Code Disposed of (D)

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect
Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial
Owned (I) Ownership
Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Reported Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of		3. Transaction Date				6. Date Exercisable and		
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionof		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivativ
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities			(Instr. 5)

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Security (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Phantom Common (2) 06/30/2006 07/06/2006 236 (2) 236 \$ 42.3 (1) Α

Acquired

Stock

### **Reporting Owners**

Derivative

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURKE FRANK M

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE X

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

## **Signatures**

Stock

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/07/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Each share of phantom stock represents a right to receive the value in cash of one share of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock. The shares of phantom stock are held by the director through the Arch Coal, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan") and represent past compensation that the director elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock and/or dividends attributable to such deferred amounts.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the director's service as a director of Arch Coal, Inc. The director may transfer certain portions of the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.
- (3) The director's phantom stock account has been adjusted for the two-for-one stock dividend in the form of a 100% stock dividend, payable by Arch Coal, Inc. on May 15, 2006 to all holders of record of common stock on May 5, 2006.

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